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For: METHOD FOR MODIFYING REFRACTIVE INDEX IN OPTICAL WAVE-GUIDE DEVICE

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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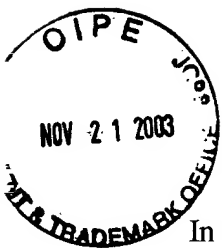Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

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Sir:

Submitted herewith please find 6 sheets of proposed drawing corrections with the

changes in Figs. 6 and 12-18 indicated in red ink, and new Figs. 19 and 20 added . The

Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the drawing corrections and new

drawings, and approve these changes and new figures.

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